

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004. This Amendment is being provided within the three month period for response extending to July 20, 2004. The current status of the claims are summarized below.

5 Claims 1-2, 6, 11-12, 16, and 34 are currently amended.

 Claims 1-30 and 34-51 are pending in the application after entry of the present Amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

10 The Applicant acknowledges the allowability of claims 21-30. Also, the Applicant acknowledges that each of claims 3-10, 13-20, 35, 37, 38, 40-43, and 47-51 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claim and any intervening claims.

15 Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

 Claims 1-2, 11-12, 34, 36, 39, and 44-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Hamilton et al. ("Hamilton") (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,501). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

 Claims 1, 11, and 34 have been amended to clarify that the clipped image data
20 represents a portion of a complete image, wherein the complete image has a horizontal extent and a vertical extent when rendered in a display. With respect to claims 1, 11, and 34, as amended, Hamilton does not teach or suggest clipping image data to obtain clipped image data, wherein the clipped image data represents a portion of a complete image when rendered in a display. Hamilton's discussion of clips is limited to clips as defined in
25 connection with a typical authoring system. More specifically, Hamilton (column 6, lines

18-20) states "For example, in a typical authoring system, the user selects from a directory a set of clips which will be used in the product to be edited." Hamilton does not teach or suggest obtaining clipped image data representing a portion of a complete image, wherein the portion of the complete image is defined relative to a horizontal extent and a
5 vertical extent of the complete image when rendered in a display.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Since Hamilton does not disclose each and every feature of claims 1, 11, and 34, as amended, Hamilton does not anticipate claims 1, 11, and 34, as amended. Therefore, the Applicant
10 respectfully requests the Office to withdraw the rejections of claims 1, 11, and 34, as amended.

Additionally, since each of claims 2, 36, and 44 ultimately depends from claim 1, the Applicant submits that each of claims 2, 36, and 44 is patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. Similarly, since each of claims 12, 39,
15 and 45 ultimately depends from claim 11, the Applicant submits that each of claims 12, 39, and 45 is patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 11. The Office is requested to note, however, that clarifying amendments have been made to claims 2 and 12 in view of the current amendments made to their respective independent claims 1 and 11. Also, claims 6 and 16 have been amended to correct
20 antecedent basis issues.

Furthermore, the Office has rejected claim 46 which is dependent from claim 41, which further depends from claim 21. Claim 21 is currently allowed by the Office, and claim 41 is currently objected to by the Office. However, since claim 21 is currently allowed and represents the independent claim from which claims 41 and 46 depend, the
25 Applicant respectfully submits that claims 41 and 46 should also be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant kindly requests that the Office withdraw the rejections of claims 1-2, 11-12, 34, 36, 39, and 44-46. The Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, a notice of allowance is requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900, ext. 6914. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP572). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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